Please Vote Yes On SB13-280

SB13-280 provides for an ownership title for Off-highway Vehicles (OHV) that reflects the same form and function as a motor vehicle title. The majority of western states operate with a title system as the price of such vehicles eclipses the cost of most street motorcycles and many automobiles. (Upwards of $18,000)

OHV titles serve a number of important and necessary functions:

- Theft deterrence; currently no law enforcement data base exists to deter theft or deter the use of a stolen OHVs

- There is no means for law enforcement or the public to identify a stolen OHV and return it to its legal owner

- The collateral loan value to a lender is substantially reduced without a title making obtaining financing considerably more difficult for businesses, for example Agra business, and other individuals seeking financing

- Actually increases the value of the vehicle to the owner; also lowers Ins. costs

- Greatly simplifies transactions among owners from outside Colorado, Coloradans and Colorado's OHV dealers.

- Does not provide for registration for use on public streets, roads or highways, however, it provides a basis for subsequent legislation addressing future registration and license plating

SB13-280 is lengthy not because of any variances from standard motor vehicle title law, it merely adds "OHV" to the existing statutes which must be restated in their entirety when the word "OHV" is added.

The additional provisions address those issues relevant to obtaining the first title:

- Establishes an effective date and an applicable date providing time for the Department of Revenue to establish the system

- Clarifies that a title is required only at the time the vehicle is sold after the applicable date

- Proof of sales tax is waived for obtaining the first title; sales tax applies to all subsequent transfers

- Establishes the proof necessary when obtaining a title for an OHV; already owned at the time of the applicable date, currently exempt from OHV registration, or vehicles from states not currently providing titles